

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 124

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the 2008-2009 Tennessee State FFA Officers.

WHEREAS, organized in 1928 to promote leadership, personal growth, and career success among high school agriculture students, FFA continues to play an important role in ensuring the growth and prosperity of agriculture in Tennessee and the nation by expertly molding our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, because of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices, George Washington is embraced as the patron saint of FFA whose important work in this area is symbolized by their Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, there are over 7,200 FFA Chapters in 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, comprising nearly one-half million members, with 194 local chapters in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," and the 2009 theme, "Step Up, Stand Out," give direction and purpose to these future leaders for tomorrow's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the 81st Tennessee State FFA Convention will be held in Gatlinburg on March 29 through April 1, 2009, with the Tennessee State FFA Officers for 2008-2009 ably presiding and leading the way; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding state officers are: President Peyton Harper of the Wilson Central FFA Chapter; Vice President for East Tennessee Jesse Ford of the Daniel Boone FFA Chapter; Vice President for Middle Tennessee Jeffrey Turner of the Lebanon FFA Chapter; Vice President for West Tennessee Colton Teague of the McNairy Central FFA Chapter; Secretary Kris Newsom of the Dyersburg FFA Chapter; Treasurer Douglas Giles, Jr., of the Page FFA

Chapter; Reporter Caleb Hodges of the East Robertson FFA Chapter; and Sentinel Kye Embler of the Mt. Pleasant FFA Chapter.

WHEREAS, we should pause in our deliberations to commend these outstanding young people for their respective efforts in assuring the future progress and prosperity of agriculture in our nation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that on the occasion of the 81st Tennessee State FFA Convention, we hereby honor and commend the 2008-2009 Tennessee State FFA Officers for their meritorious service to the organization and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.